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SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE
NEW GOVERNMENT JULY 30 FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH GENERAL
OTELLO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 28, SOARES
REITERATED PS CRITICISMS OF JULY 25 AFM ASSEMBLY DECISIONS.
SOARES ALSO CRITICIZED VICE PRIME MINISTER CANDIDATE TEXEIRA
RIBEIRO FOR ALLEGED COLLABORATION WITH SALAZAR-CAETANO REGIME.
SOARES PROMISED PS ECONOMIC PLAN WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. MORE
ANTI-LEFT VIOLENCE REPORTED FROM AREA NORTH OF LISBON.

COSTA GOMES IS GOING TO HELSINKI, SOARES IS GOING

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TO STOCKHOLM, AND PPD LEADER GUERREIRO IS ALREADY IN PARIS.

END SUMMARY

1. NEW GOVERNMENT: PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SOME TIME TOMORROW, JULY 30. GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN LISBON FROM CUBA AT 9:00 A.M. JULY 30 AND PRESUMABLY THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL FOLLOW CONSULTATIONS AMONG PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, GONCALVES, AND OTELO.

2. SOARES MEETS PRESS: DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 28, SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES REITERATED PS POSITION ON JULY 25 DECISIONS BY AFM GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE ASSOCIATED PS WITH COMMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO AFM ASSEMBLY (REFTEL) AND AGAIN CALLED FOR FORMATION OF "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION" HEADED BY AN INDIVIDUAL, OTHER THAN GONCALVES, WITH BROAD POPULAR SUPPORT. SOARES PROMISED "WITHIN A FEW DAYS" A PS PLAN FOR PUTTING THE ECONOMY BACK ON ITS FEET. IN SUBSEQUENT QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD, SOARES CRITICIZED PROFESSOR TEIXEIRA RIBEIRO, SAID TO BE IN LINE FOR ONE OF TWO VICE PRIME MINISTER POSITIONS IN NEW GOVERNMENT. SOARES SAID TEIXEIRA WAS "COLLABORATIONIST" DURING SALAZAR-CAETANO PERIOD. SOARES ASSERTED THAT TEIXEIRA, A LONG-TIME PROFESSOR OF CORPORATE LAW, HAD HELPED TO INDOCTRINATE SEVERAL GENERATIONS IN THE WAYS OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME. SOARES ADDED THAT TEIXEIRA, WHILE AT UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA, HAD FAILED TO PROTEST WHEN FRANCO AND RODO WERE GIVEN HONORARY DEGREES.

3. MORE VIOLENCE: THREE MORE ANTI-LEFT INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN AREA NORTH OF LISBON:
--IN SEVER DO VOUGA, MDP/CDE OFFICES WERE SACKED ON JULY 27 AND CONTENTS BURNED IN STREET.
--IN AGUEDA, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON JULY 27 TO ASSAULT OFFICES OF METALWORKERS UNION. CROWD WAS DISPERSED BY LOCAL MILITARY WITH HELP FROM GARRISON IN AVEIRO.
--IN TORRES VEDRAS, DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED ON JULY 27 IN FRONT OF LOCAL BANK AND DEMANED DISMISSAL OF TWO BANK EMPLOYEES WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE MEMBERS OF PCP. FIVE INJURED IN SCUFFLING BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND PCP MILITANTS
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BEFORE LOCAL MILITARY WITH HELP FROM SOLDIERS FROM MAFRA INFANTRY SCHOOL RESTORED ORDER.
--IN LISBON, A RUDIMENTARY INCENDIARY DEVICE, OF MOLATOV COCKTAIL VARIETY, WAS IGNITED ON JULY 26 AT SERVICE ENTRANCE OF SPANISH EMBASSY RESIDENCE. SMALL FIRE WAS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED.

4. TRAVELS: THREE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROTAGONISTS ON POLITICAL

SCENE WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE COMING WEEK.

--PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES WILL DEPART BELATEDLY JULY 31 TO HEAD THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO CSCE.

--PS LEADER SOARES WILL DEPART FOR STOCKHOLM ON JULY 31 TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS.

--PPD SECRETARY GENERAL EMIDIO GUERREIRO IS NOW IN PARIS IN AN EFFORT TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR THE PPD AMONG EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, WHO HE CLAIMS HAVE LARGELY IGNORED THE PPD IN FAVOR OF THE PS.

5. COMMENT: SOARES PRESS CONFERENCE APPEARS TO BE A TEMPORIZING ACTION DESIGNED TO KEEP LATEST LURGH TO LEFT BEFORE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WHILE PS AND OTHER MODERATE ELEMENTS REGROUP AND PONDER NEXT STEP. PS LEADERSHIP'S CONTINUED CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL SALVATION FORMED AROUND NON-PARTISAN INDIVIDUAL OF BROAD NATIONAL APPEAL APPEAR DESIGNED TO GOAD COSTA GOMES TO TAKE SOME

BELATED ACTION IN SUPPORT OF AFM MODERATES.

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